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Serving on land and sea, Cutter Jarvis crew volunteers 1,400 hours to Oahu charities

HONOLULU - Coast Guardsmen and women are called to service. Because of the humanitarian nature of our service, this call often extends beyond job requirements and applies to service to the local community.

The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis has taken advantage of an extended inport period and truly embraced the call to serve by dedicating more than 1,400 hours to Oahu charities and organizations over the past 10 months.

The enthusiasm and positive attitude of a handful of dedicated volunteers was contagious and now about 60 percent of the crew has participated in community service activities. As a result of the unit's strong volunteer recruiting program; hundreds of Oahu's children have been mentored, thousands of meals have been served and countless loads of trash have been removed from local beaches. During the 2005-2006 school year, more than 40 crewmembers volunteered with the Partnership in Education program and filled the roles as tutors and teacher aides at Waipahu Elementary.

The Jarvis's volunteers also served meals, sorted donations and worked with children in the classroom at the Institute for Human Services in Honolulu. Athletically inclined volunteers were mentors for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters 'Tennis Buddies' program and others helped coach local sports teams. In addition to these organized volunteer activities, the Jarvis crew hosted drives resulting in the collection and donation of over 2,000 canned food and toiletry items to the local homeless shelter.

An old adage warns that 'ships and sailors rot at the pier' and one might expect that Jarvis's extended inport period coupled with envied daily 'liberty in paradise' might tempt many a sailor away from the call to duty but JARVIS crewmembers have demonstrated otherwise. The Jarvis's crew has chosen to, as the old song goes, "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative" through sustained service that has strengthened and fostered the bond between the local military and civilian communities.

Photos:

[/clients/c800/60645.JPG](#) Honolulu -- Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Brown and Petty Officer 3rd Class Luis Melendez offload donations from the Jarvis's canned food drive at the Institute for Human Services. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

[/clients/c800/60646.JPG](#) Honolulu -- Petty Officer 2nd Class Lance Tomasa visits with a client at the Institute for Human Services. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

[/clients/c800/60647.JPG](#) Honolulu -- Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick MacAvoy mentors a student at

Waipahu Elementary School. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

[/clients/c800/60648.JPG](#) HONOLULU -- Petty Officer 3rd Class Patrick Brown loads food donations to take to a local shelter. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

[/clients/c800/60649.JPG](#) HONOLULU - 1st Class Cadet Tara Fuller, 3rd Class Cadet Zach Wolf and Petty Officer 2nd Class Lance Tomasa serve breakfast at the Institute for Human Services Women and Children's Shelter. U.S. Coast Guard photo.

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